



Mission: Being transformed by Jesus, leading people to Him.

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

Sunday, May 12, 2019

For a list of today's schedules, please see the back of your bulletin.

Location of Upcoming Worship Services:

Please note that all morning worship services start at 9:30am. All evening services start at 6pm.

Date:	Location:
May 12	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Second CRC
May 19	AM ~ Connect Church YACS Sunday PM ~ Calvary CRC (Gospel Singers Male Choir)
May 26	AM ~ Connect Church PM ~ Faith CRC

Our Church contact info:

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For bulletins, schedules, sermons, and other information, please visit our website:
www.connectchurchpella.org

***Announcements must be turned in by 2:00pm on Wednesdays.**

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Summer Office Hours: Wednesdays ~ 10am-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

The church will be open:

Mondays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesdays ~ 10am-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

It will be locked on Fridays. If you need to be in the church, please make prior arrangements with Janice De Graaf. She is willing to come and unlock it for you.

In Our Faith Family

Judy De Vries's new address is:
304 E. 3rd St. #8

Prayer Items:

As a church, we have extended a call to Mary Van Wyk to serve as our next Worship/Discipleship Leader. Please be in prayer for Mary as she discerns God's ministry call on her life.

Be in prayer for Henry & Betty Schutte as Henry has been placed under the care of Hospice within their home.

Continue to be in prayer for those who continue to face ongoing health concerns or are in the process of healing and recovery, such as Marilyn De Jong (home), Ria Branderhorst (home), and Andy Uitermarkt (home).

Please pray for all our shut-ins and their loved ones: Grada De Bruin, Gerald Hoekstra, Edith Meppelink, Bill Van Waardhuizen, Ken Van Wyk, and Al Van Zee.

Continue to be in prayer for Luke Callahan as he serves our country in Iraq.

Lift up these members in prayer:

Daniel, Starlie, and Scarlett Lehigh, Jean Lubbers, Joyce Lubbers, and Joyce Vink.

Name Change Update:

Two weeks ago, we as a church affirmed the Council's decision to use "Connect Church" as our "Doing Business As ..." name. As people ask you about why we made this decision, tell them how our desire is for people to be connected to Jesus because Jesus transforms lives. We also desire for people to connect to our church family so that they in turn make a connection to Jesus, since everything we do is about and for Jesus. We have a great opportunity to share the gospel as people ask us about this change and may the Holy Spirit use each opportunity for God's glory!

Website Update: We LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE. Please visit www.connectchurchpella.org and let people know this is our new URL. The reason this update is important is because many people will open up a web page about a church before they open up the front door of a church. Take a look and enjoy!

Attention all Scripture Readers and those desiring to read! There will be a short training meeting on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 10:50 – 11:15 a.m. for those who have been reading scripture. Anyone who would like to be a reader is also encouraged to attend. See Darlene for any questions.

The **Happy Quilters** would like to continue meeting on Mondays, even through the summer. They meet from 1– 4pm. They need at least 4 people to be present. If you can make it, please text Shirley Schutte or call her to let her know. Her cell number is 641-780-0231.

A Reigstad Update:

Dear church family, it has been an honor and privilege to serve this wonderful congregation as Worship and Discipleship Leader. As Joe and I eagerly await the arrival of our son, we are also anticipating a move. We have accepted an associate pastorate position for Joe at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church in Minnesota. Joe and I hope to remain at Connect Church till our expected departure near the beginning of August. We love you all and thank you for making our time at this church such a blessing!

May 19 will be our next church lunch outing. We are planning to go to Fuji Chinese Restaurant (located where Panda Garden used to be.). Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Coming in May: Marriage Night conference. This will be on Friday, May 31 at First CRC in Pella. Check-in and dinner start at 5:45pm. Conference starts at 7:00pm. For more information and to register, please visit the following website: MarriageNight.Org.

Pella Christian High Announcements:

Band Pops Concert: The annual Pella Christian High instrumental Pops Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. You will want to reserve a table in advance or you may sit on the bleachers. **Reservation deadline is Friday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m.** This year, the band will be performing several favorites including "The Lion King" and "Frozen" and many more. This is a great event for multiple generations and the whole family. Free popcorn and ice cream sundaes!!

The 79th Annual Commencement Exercises of Pella Christian High School will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS gymnasium. Pastor Doug Van Der Pol will give the address and Parker Schnell is the 2019 class representative.

Why is community so important to your spiritual life? Because you can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed you that way. He wants to use other people to grow you, and he wants to use you to grow other people.

During this **eight-week study**—specifically designed for new small groups—you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your group and serving the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters to God and to the people you do life with.

Community provides a great opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, because life is better *connected*.

If you are interested in being part of a small group starting in **July**, please sign up by June 16 in the sign up sheet provided in the Narthex. Groups will be designed based on members availability of when they can meet. If you would like to know more about small groups, please speak to one of the members of the Discipleship Ministry Team: Ralph De Haan, Celia Stouwie, Mike Ver Meer, Leanna Van Zee, Kristi Pinegar, or Analú Reigstad.

Save the Date: The Heartland Gospel Hymn Sing will be held on **Saturday, June 15, 2019** at 6:00 PM at the First Reformed Church, 603 Broadway, Pella, Iowa. A time of singing the faithful hymns of the church.

Looking Forward at First-

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Next Sunday Morning: We will close out our sermon series on the book of Philippians by turning to **Philippians 4:14-23** (found on page 1262 of your pew Bibles) in a message entitled **Discipleship = Stewardship**. During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Next Sunday Evening: We will gather at **Calvary CRC** in order to worship through the leadership of the **Male Gospel Singers**. Please join us as we sing to the Lord and make music to the praise of Him!

Greeters: YACS

Nursery: Bert Terpstra, Katie Van Den Broek, Brock Meinders

Sound: Sandy Van Den Broek

Projection: Austin Van Soelen

Fellowship: Pete and Darlene Keuning

Bulletin Delivery: Helen Vande Ree

Offering: Pella I YACS



Our YACS are once again raising money for their mission trip this summer. They are going to Cincinnati, Ohio from July 20—27. Please pick an envelope with the amount you intend to give. There is a box to

place your checks in.

~ Thank you on behalf of the YACS and their leaders



Vacation Bible School is coming!

The dates are June 10-14. Please pre-register your child/children. Pre-registration is so helpful to those who are planning snacks and crafts! Just go to our website: vbस्पella.org

Worknight date and donation list will be out soon! Thank you for your support!

If you would like to donate your time as a teacher, small group helper, rec helper, etc. please talk to Miss Leanna.